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August 23, 2011

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 02-33 - Notice of Discontinuance of Common Carrier Broadband Internet Access Transmission Service

Dear Ms. Dortch:

By this letter and in accordance with paragraph 101 of the Federal Communication Commission's *Report and Order* and *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* CC Docket Nos. 02-33 and 01-337 released September 23, 2005, FCC 05-150 (*Broadband Internet Order*), the FairPoint Local Operating Companies (FairPoint) identified in Attachment A hereby notify the Commission that FairPoint intends to discontinue offering common carrier Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) service on a common carriage basis and will offer this service on a private carriage basis effective September 26, 2011. The geographic areas affected by this change are the areas serviced by the companies listed in Attachment A where DSL is available.

Neither the provisioning of nor the current rates for these services will be affected by this action. We are required to provide notice of FairPoint's intent to discontinue providing DSL service on a common carriage basis. This notice fulfills that requirement.

This notice is also being provided to the affected state public utility commissions, the appropriate governors, and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense as required by ¶101 and footnote 307 of the *Broadband Internet Order*. The only customers of FairPoint's DSL service are affiliated ISPs and therefore there is no need for FairPoint to provide notice of the discontinuance of common carrier broadband Internet access transmission service to itself. Accordingly, no notice of discontinuance will be provided.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat", written over a horizontal line.

Patrick L. Morse
Senior Vice President Government Affairs

Attachment A

FairPoint Local Operating Companies to Discontinue Offering DSL on a Common Carriage basis

Company Name	Study Area	State
China Telephone Company	100004	ME
FairPoint Vermont, Inc.	143331	VT
Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc.	103313	ME/NH
Sidney Telephone Company	103313	ME
Maine Telephone Company	100025	ME
Standish Telephone Company	100025	ME

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of Common Carrier Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service was served this 23rd day of August, 2011, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following:

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Maine:

Governor Paul LePage
Office of the Governor
#1 State House Station
Augusta, Me 04333-0001

Maine Public Service Commission
18 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0018

New Hampshire:

Governor John Lynch
Office of the Governor
State House
107 N. Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Vermont:

Executive Office of Governor Peter Shumlin
109 State Street Pavilion
Montpelier, VT 05609

Department of Public Service
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2601



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